

## **RESOLUTION NO. 14-895**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that on August 3, 1990, President George W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. The bill authorized Federal, State and local governments, groups and organizations, along with the people of the United States, to observe this commemorative month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. This was a landmark bill honoring America's Tribal people; and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2013, President Barack Obama signed a proclamation designating November 2013 as National Native American Heritage Month and to celebrate November 29, 2013, as Native American Heritage Day; and,

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indians are the descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous and native people who were the original inhabitants of the United States. They have endured a painful history of violence, rejection, broken promises and upended justice. There was a time when Native languages and religions were banned as part of a forced assimilation policy that attached the political, social and cultural identities of Native Americans in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of earliest contact with the white man, the Valley Region of the Tennessee River and its tributaries were known to be the home of the Yuchi, the Mesopelea, the Kaskinampo, the Chikamaka, the Chiaha, the Hitchiti, the Koasati, the Tuskegee, the Muscogee (Creek), the Chickasaw, the Alabama, the Napochi, the Tomahitan and the Shawnee Tribes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indians have volunteered to serve in the United States Armed Forces and served with valor in all of the Nation's military actions from the Revolutionary War through the present day. In most of those actions, more American Indians served in the Armed Forces than any other group of Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indians have made distinct and significant contributions to Alabama, the United States and rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language and art. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders and scholars; and

**WHEREAS**, it is most appropriate that American Indians should be honored and recognized for strengthening the diversity of our society. National Native American Heritage Month serves as a valuable opportunity for native voices to be heard and appreciated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the month of November 2014 be designated as National Native American Heritage Month in Huntsville and encourage all residents to observe November 29, 2014 as Native American Heritage Day.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby order that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

**ADOPTED** this the 20th day of November, 2014.

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President of the City Council  
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 20th day of November, 2014.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama